Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—About Rs. 400.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Rs. 13[illegible] spent for two miles of road and then a toll is put upon that road. Is that the position of the Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The toll is not for that road alone. The toll must be located somewhere on the road.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I am just pointing out the condition of the road when you spent Rs. [illegible] for two miles.

Mr. President.—That is why the Diwan Peishkar said that it is in a very bad condition.

Ollur Group Panchayat.

81. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warrier.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the names of the present elected members of the Ollur Group Panchayat;

(2) the names of the gentlemen submitted by the Inspector of Panchayats for nomination in his first list with their positions in life, educational qualifications and Sirkar tax which their families pay in one year;

(3) whether after the receipt of the above list of names, the Director of Public Health and Panchayats called for fresh list or lists with a direction to submit names other than those of the Ambalavasies;

(4) if the answer to sub-division (3) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to state the reasons for calling such a list;

(b) the names, educational qualifications, position and status in life of the gentlemen contained in those lists;

(5) the names of the gentlemen ultimately nominated as members of the above-said Panchayat with their qualifications and position and status in life;

(6) will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the communication of the Director of Public Health and Panchayats to the Panchayat Inspector referred to in sub-division (3) above?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—

(1) Messrs. (1) Erinjeri Thoma Ouseph

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(2) Akkara Lonappan Lonappan

(3) Mailan Anthony Poranchu

(4) Madathumpady Lonappan Devassy

(5) Akkara Varied Poulose.

(2) (i) Mr. Edakunny Kunji Warassyar Rama Warriar. He is a Graduate in Arts and a pensioner drawing Rs. 125 per mensem. His family pays a tax of Rs. 20—11—3 as per pattah No. 10 in Edakunny village. His family pays Sirkar tax in other villages of the State also.

(ii) Mr. Adiyath Chathu Ramankutty. He pays an assessment of Rs. 2—5—1 as per pattah Nos. 28 and 430 of Ollur village. He holds also Kuttanellur Devaswam lands on Kanom whose assessment will be approximately Rs. 7. He can read and write Malayalam.

(3) Yes.

(4) (a) The Ambalavasi community form only a minority in the village. It was found desirable to nominate a member from a community which form a majority and which is at the same time unrepresented.

(b) i. Mr. Thaikat Narayanan Neelacantan Moos. He is an Ayurvedic Physician. His family pays Rs. 142—7—4 as per pattah No. 29 of Edakunny village.

ii. Mr. Kochery Ramankutty Viswambaran. He is a Graduate in Arts and Law and is practising as a vakil in Trichur. His family does not pay any tax in Edakunny and Ollur villages.

iii. Mr. Kaippilly Narayani Amma Achyuta Menon. He has studied up to School Final. He is a teacher in Marathakara school. His family does not pay Sirkar tax in Edakunny and Ollur villages.

iv. Mr. Mankuzhi Ittaman Sankaran. His family pays an assessment of Rs. 9—10—11 as per pattah No. 417 of Ollur village. His family holds lands under Maliyakkal Kartha on Kanom. He has got the necessary literary qualifications.

(5) (i) Mr. Kaipilly Narayani Amma Achyuta Menon. He has studied up to School Final. He is a teacher in Marathakara School. His family does not pay Sirkar tax in Edakkunny and Ollur villages.

(ii) Mr. Mankuzhi Ittaman Sankaran. His family pays an assessment of Rs. 9—10—11 as per pattah No. 417 of Ollur

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village. His family holds lands under Maliyakkal Kartha on Kanom. He has got the necessary literary qualifications.

(6) A copy of the communication is appended. (*Appendix V*).

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it the practice of the Government to treat Ambalavasis as a different community from Nayars for purposes of appointments and nominations?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar—There is no such sub-division so far as I am aware.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Then, Sir, why is this answer given? "The Ambalavasi community form only a minority in the village. It was found desirable to nominate a member from a community which forms a majority and which is at the same time unrepresented". Why did they think it necessary in this particular case to treat the Ambalavasi community as a different community from the Nayars?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar— The question of representation in bodies of local self-government is absolutely different.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—My original question was both for purposes of appointment and for purposes of nomination. So am I to take it that there is no difference for purposes of appointment?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar—There is no such restriction. It is a matter in which the Heads of Departments exercise their discretion. Opportunity must be given to every community according to their size to associate themselves in the management of such institutions.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—How long has a member of the Desamangalam family been in the Panchayat in Desamangalam? It was stated that as far as possible they wanted to give opportunities to different communities to associate themselves with such institutions of local self Government.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar—He is an elected member.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Oh! I am sorry.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ— ഇറാമൻ, അച്യുതമേനോൻ ഇവർ രണ്ടുപേരേയും നോമിനേറ്റ് ചെയ്യുവാൻ ഗവൺമെൻറിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണങ്ങളും ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—I received a mass petition from the people of the locality saying that they would like to have these particular members nominated.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— നോമിനേഷൻ പ്രോപ്പർട്ടി കാളിഫിക്കേഷൻ വേണമെന്നുള്ള നിബന്ധന ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിനുണ്ടോ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There was no rule like that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know who are the petitioners?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I have got the petition with me. If the Hon'ble Member wants I can show it to him.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know the date of the petition?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—The date of the petition is 25th Karkitagam.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know when was it received in the office?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It was despatched from the office on the 29th Karkitagam.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—So is it the policy of the Government that in case they get petitions they will throw away the claims of apparently better persons?

Mr. President.—I think the Hon'ble Members should not waste the time of the House by asking questions which have been answered. In this particular case the Director of Public Instruction stated that those members were nominated because there was a mass petition. It is not possible to give a definite rule.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Sir, the psychology of these mass petitions is very curious. Anybody can draw any mass petition and the same people will put their signatures for and against.

Mr. President.—Quite so. I agree.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not the previous nominated member of that Panchayat a member of the family of Manguzhy Sankaran Kutty?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there not a rule that members of the same family should not be nominated continuously as far as possible?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There is no rule like that.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Here we find two candidates, one Mr. Viswambharan, a Graduate in law belonging to that

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place and another a comparatively uneducated man. May I know what is the special reason for nominating a member comparatively uneducated in preference to a Graduate in law?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—In the opinion of the Government the other member was thought to be better.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—May I know how the Government came to that opinion? To us it seems strange.

Mr. President.—Is it the contention of the Hon'ble Member that from a minority community if the Government is faced with two men, one a graduate and the other not so educated, prima facie the graduate must be preferred?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—When there is an apparently absurd deviation from the standard observed by people outside, we are entitled to guess that there is something behind it. And we want to know what it is.

Mr. President.— The answer has been given that the other gentleman was considered better.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Are there any particular reasons in this case to prefer that man to the other?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was it based upon any principle or is it an arbitrary opinion? Is that opinion generally formed from facts?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayya.— Government formed an opinion taking all facts into consideration.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Whose opinion is that? Is it the opinion of any particular officer of the Government?

Mr. President.—The opinion is the opinion of the Government.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it the opinion of the Head of the Department?

Mr. President.—Not at all.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is it not a fact that this Achyuta Menon, a petty school master, does not even possess a house in Edakkunni Village?

Mr. President.—We are in the days of democracy.

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I do not know.

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Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is not Mr. Thaikkat Moose a resident of Edakkunni Village?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I don't know.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is he not a prominent gentleman of the locality, one of the leading members of that locality?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—If he is such a prominent man he would have stood for the election.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Was there any other occasion when the Director of Public Health found it necessary to address similar letters to any of his inspectors? Can he quote one instance?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—There are several instances.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ.— തയ്ക്കാട്ട് മൂസ്സതിന്റെ ഇല്ലത്തിനു ഇതിനുമുമ്പു് ആരെങ്കിലും പഞ്ചായത്തു് മെമ്പർമാരായിരുന്നവൊ?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was not that Brahmin community unrepresented for a long time in that Panchayat?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I do not know. I have received a petition from the Kshathriya community that they are unrepresented. I have told them that their claim will be considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—It is very easy to get a mass petition if the Head of Department wants it.

Mr. President.—The Hon'ble Member ought not to have made an allegation that if the Head of the Department wants a petition he can get one, or that in other words, he engineers the petition. I think the Hon'ble Member should withdraw that statement.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—I beg to withdraw that.

Lapsed amounts under Panchayats.

82. Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) has any amount allotted to the Panchayat Department in the budgets for 1109 and 1110 lapsed; if so, how much and under which heads;

(2) what was the cause for such lapse?

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